

Minutes
05 January 2016
(Meeting postponed from 27 December 2015)
Cemetery Board of Trustees
Town of Wilton NH

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with 3 Cemetery Trustees: John Jowders (Chair), Steve Elliot, Mary Ann Shea (Secretary) .

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes of the joint meeting with the Trustees of the Trust Funds 8 December 2015 . Mary Ann seconded, all in favor.

John noted a correction needed to the minutes of 24 November 2015-the word 'mover' should be 'mower'. Motion to accept minutes as corrected made by Steve, Mary Ann seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Perpetual Care Trust Funds-discussion postponed to the end of the meeting.
- Cemetery Rules and Regulations have changed to omit the term 'perpetual care' and replace it with 'general care'. We will no longer be selling lots designated perpetual care beginning in 2016. Mary Ann will make sure that the town office has the updated Rules and Regulations; the updated Rules are posted on the web page.
- Abby (Bart) Fraser Lot-we are still waiting for her to send the deed, and will forward it to the Trustees of the Trust Funds as soon as it is received. Mary Ann will touch base with Abby to see if she will be sending it soon.
- Final budget for 2015 was reviewed. It is not clear whether the mower repair is included in the accounts. Steve will check on this. The bill for stone repair (encumbered money from 2014) has been paid—no impact on the current budget.
- The 2016 budget shows an increase of 11.85%. The presentation to the budget committee went well. Main increases are for tree removal and cemetery mapping, both of which are sorely needed.
- Steve talked a little about the CIP for the cemeteries. We are in pretty good shape. The largest expenditure in the future is replacement of the shed (scheduled for 2020 or so).
- Now that we are no longer using individual perpetual care accounts, where does the money go for the Rights to Inter? Will there be a general care trust fund for the the cemeteries or will the money go into the town's general fund? Steve emailed Dan Donovan to ask his opinion; Betsy is out of town. We may need to meet with them to discuss this. (We do have one or two requests for purchase of Rights to Inter pending, so this needs deciding soon.)

Public Input:

None

New Business:

- The Town Cemeteries are officially closed until Spring. We were fortunate to have such a long season.
- Submission for town report: Mary Ann will do a draft submission and forward to John and

- Steve for corrections/additions/etc.
- We received an inquiry about purchasing a Right to Inter in Mount Calvary. Mary Ann will contact the individual.

Perpetual Care Discussion (postponed from earlier in the meeting)

We have numbers for graves per lot in perpetual care for Vale End, South Yard, and Laurel Hill Cemeteries. Mary Ann will finish the numbers for Mount Calvary and forward them to the rest of the board and to Betsy Castro by the end of the week.

Steve and John have come up with the number of graves in each town cemetery. John has a formula to help with cost issues associated with perpetual care accounting, and Steve has the per-grave maintenance cost per cemetery.

With the perpetual care grave counts done and the maintenance costs calculated, we should be in good shape regarding the Perpetual Care Accounts. We may need to meet one more time with the Trustees of the Trust funds. John will contact them.

Next Meeting:

To be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Shea, Secretary